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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, the following amendment is being submitted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.